

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2012

REPORT BY: DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE MANAGER

SUBJECT: FEEDBACK ON MEMBER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To provide the Committee with feedback on member development events held since the last meeting of the Committee.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 It had been the practice of the Member Development Working Group to receive reports detailing member feedback on development events at each of its meetings. As a result of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 creating Democratic Services Committees it is more appropriate for such reports to be considered by this Committee.

2.02 It is important to receive member feedback on development events to monitor the quality of them and to identify any issues that can be improved for future member development events. At its meeting on 24 July the Committee received feedback on those events that had been held since the County Council elections.

2.03 Prior to the Council elections an extensive member induction programme was put in place with the more urgent topics considered prior to the August recess (Phase 1) and the other topics dealt with in Phase 2 of the programme between September and December. Each year the Council also has an annual member development programme. At all member development events the members present are asked to complete an evaluation form at the end of the event. Attached as Appendix 1 to this report are the graphs showing the feedback received for each member briefing held since the Committee last met.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 Overall the feedback from the development events remains good with average scores normally in excess of 5 out of a maximum 6. The Committee may however wish to consider those topics where the average score fell below this.

3.02 In addition to the analysis in Appendix 1 Committee members may wish to make observations on their experience of the events that they attended or make suggestions for improvements for future member development events.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That Members consider the feedback on member development events held since the last Committee meeting so as to inform arrangements for future member development events.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 The member training budget for 2012-13 is £13,707.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None as a result of this report.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None as a result of this report.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 – feedback results

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

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